Washington, D.C. - Immediately after attending tonight's State of the Union Address, Congresswoman Melissa Bean (IL-08) made the following statement:

"Once a year President Bush puts together an address that is largely focused on issues the American people and families in my district care about – such as affordable health care, energy innovation, environmental protection, education and national security. □ I'm hopeful that this year the president will work with Congress to move beyond rhetoric to develop bipartisan solutions that will move our country forward."

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